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Supply his life, or that which can
 command it.
 I'll follow, and inquire him out :
 111 serve his mind with my best will;
 Whilst I have gold I'll be his steward still.
 |Exit*

SCENE

III The

Woods.

Enter TIMON.

TIM. O blessed breeding sun, draw from
 the earth Rotten humidity; below thy
 sister's orb ⁴ Infect the air ! Twinn'd
 brothers of one womb,— Whose
 procreation, residence, and birth, Scarce
 is dividant,—touch them with several for-
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tunes;
 The greater scorns the lesser: Not
 nature, To whom all sores lay siege, can
 bear great fortune, But by contempt of
 nature⁵.

4 — below thy sister's orb —] That is, the
 moon's, this *sullu-*
 wary world. JOHNSON.

5 ————— Not nature,
 To whom all sores lay siege, can bear great fortune,
 But by contempt of nature.] The meaning I take
 to be this : * Brother, when his fortune is enlarged,
 will scorn brother ; for this is the general depravity
 of human nature, which, besieged as it is by misery,
 admonished as it is of want and imperfection, when
 elevated by fortune will despise beings of nature
 like its own.'

JOHNSON.
 Mr. M* Mason observes, that this passage "but by
 the addition of a single letter may be rendered
 clearly intelligible; by merely reading *natures*
 instead of *nature*" The meaning will then be—'•• ^{ee}
 Not even beings reduced to the utmost extremity of
 wretchedness, can bear good fortune, without
 contemning their fellow-creatures.*'—The word
natures is afterwards used in a similar sense by
 Apemantus :

« «---,— Call the creatures

^{tc} Whose naked *natures* live in all the
 spite «< Of wreakful heaven," &c.